

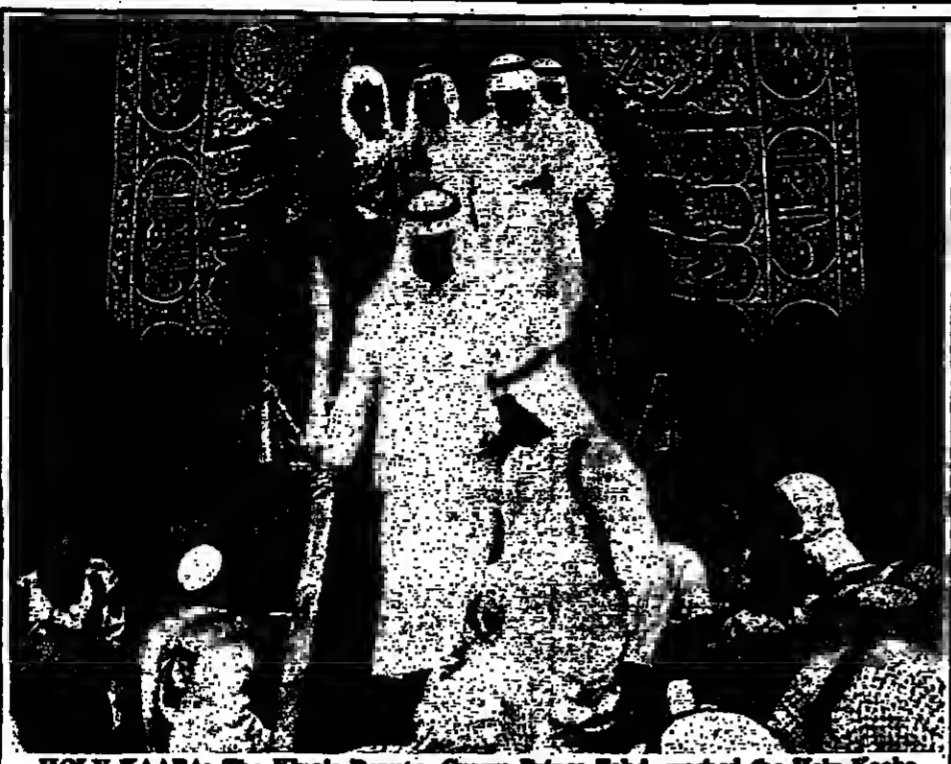
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OPEC debates pricing policy

GENEVA, June 17 (R) — Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani presides over an EC meeting here Wednesday to discuss a pricing strategy, three weeks after another OPEC states to freeze prices by setting a world oil glut. The six-nation meeting takes place against background of OPEC's repeated failure to agree on a pricing strategy, three weeks after another OPEC states to freeze prices by setting a world oil glut.



HOLY KAABA: The King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, washed the Holy Kaaba Wednesday morning. The Crown Prince, accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, was welcomed at the Holy Haram by Makkah Governor Prince Majed; Sheikh Sulaiman bin Obaid, director general of the Department of the Holy Harams (in Makkah and Medina) and a number of officials.

Spain promised aid King, Carlos review ties

MADRID, June 17 (SPA) — King Khaled and King Juan Carlos of Spain held talks here Wednesday at the Ritz Hotel where the King is staying during his current official visit to the country. The talks, attended by Defense Minister Prince Sultan, covered bilateral relations and international and Arab issues.

Graduate school planned in Riyadh

RIYADH, June 17 — Plans for a university graduate school have now been finalized here. Under the provisions of the program, the graduate school will operate as a separate umbrella which will enable it to exclusively serve only departmental graduate programs.

Syria to aid Thai Muslim group

BANGKOK, June 17 (AFP) — Syria has pledged "support and assistance" to a banned Muslim group in Thailand's troubled south. The Bangkok Post newspaper reported Wednesday. Quoting what it called a Damascus pledge in a letter to the group, the Patani United Liberation Organization (PULO), the paper said Syria had made the pledge last March.

Kreisky's condition termed 'good'

VIENNA, June 17 (AP) — A doctor Wednesday described the condition of hospitalized Chancellor Bruno Kreisky as "quite good," but said he had a difficult time convincing the chancellor to remain in the hospital until the weekend.

Socialist Party backs Spadolini

ROME, June 27 (AP) — The Socialist Party has thrown its support behind Republican Giovanni Spadolini, boosting his chances of becoming the first non-Christian Democrat premier in postwar Italy.

UAE emissary arrives

JEDDAH, June 17 (SPA) — United Arab Emirates President's Special Envoy Ahmad Al-Suwaidi arrived here Wednesday on a short visit during which he will convey a message from President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan to Crown Prince Fahd.

U.N. Council resumes session Reagan's comments prove tilt toward Israel, Iraq says

BEIRUT, June 17 (Agencies) — Iraq Wednesday accused the United States of bias in favor of Israel in an initial reaction to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's comments Tuesday on the June 7 Israeli raid against Iraqi nuclear installations. An official spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi INA news agency monitored here, described Reagan's comments as proof of U.S. bias and the protection it gave Israel in all its aggressive acts against the Arab nation.

Commenting on the Israeli raid against Iraq, Reagan said Tuesday the Begin government might have sincerely believed it was a defensive move. The Iraqi spokesman said that anyone siding with Israel and its aggression could only be considered an accomplice. He quoted statements by the International Atomic Energy Agency and Iraq's partners in its nuclear program as proof of the peaceful nature of Iraq's nuclear installations.

Begin praises Reagan U.S. 'will not cut off aid'

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) — U.S. aid to Israel is not in jeopardy despite Israel's use of American-made fighter planes to bomb an Iraqi nuclear reactor, says the chairman of a House of Representatives subcommittee opening hearing on the incident. Congressman Lee Hamilton, chairman of the House Middle East Subcommittee, said an unconditional finding by either U.S. President Ronald Reagan or Congress that Israel violated U.S. law by using the planes for aggression would force a cutoff of U.S. aid.

Anti-Israel cry sweeps Egypt

CAIRO, June 17 Representatives from Egypt's main opposition groups Wednesday gathered at the headquarters of the Socialist Labor Party to denounce the Israeli raid on Iraq and to demand an end to the process of "normalization" of relations between Egypt and Israel. Severance of diplomatic relations with Israel and the convening of an Arab summit to discuss the increasing tempo of Israel's aggressions against the Arab world were requested.

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On Israeli attack, Jerusalem

Islamic ministers hold talks

By Ahmad Shaaban

MAKKAH, June 17 — Ministers of Waqf and Islamic Affairs from all Islamic countries opened a three-day meeting here Wednesday under the auspices of Makkah Governor Prince Majed, with Jerusalem and the recent Israeli attack on a nuclear research center in Iraq high on the agenda.

In a keynote address, Habib Chatti, secretary general of the powerful 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) held the United States responsible for the attack. "There is not a shadow of doubt," Chatti said, "that our vain enemy derives his arrogance from the unlimited support he gets from the United States of America. The latter encourages him to attack the peaceful Islamic world that tries so hard to foster its relations with the entire world and to bring about more rapprochement and understanding among all peoples, as a service for the peace which it is sure that Man is capable of achieving." He added that the world cannot understand the reasons for that queer attitude on the part of the U.S. — a superpower whose intervention, once upon a time, during the Second World War, was greatly responsible for ridding humanity from the evils of the destructive Nazism and which today is shouldering a great responsibility for the preservation of international equilibrium and security.

"It is high time for U.S. leaders today to reassess their attitude and realize that, doubtless, Israel is leading the world toward the gravest dangers through its repeated assaults on its neighbors, denial of human rights, sacrilege of sanctuaries and violation of international law, acts which are reminiscent of that Fascism and Nazism once resisted by America," Chatti said.

In a televised statement Tuesday evening, U.S. President Reagan said that Israel must have sincerely believed that its raid on the



Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)

Iraqi nuclear research center was a defensive move, since some Arab countries were opposed to the very existence of Israel as a state. He also said that, in his view, Israel was no threat to the Arab countries.

Chatti invited all Muslims to close ranks and stand as one man to face the increasing conspiracies and growing threats against the Islamic world. He said that the attack on Iraq showed that the enemy had widened the area of his aggression. He said that despite the fact that the whole world had denounced this overt aggression, and despite expressions of dismay and condemnation which echoed

worldwide, Israeli officials paid no heed to all this and that they are lying in wait for the Islamic world, ready and determined to strike anywhere in it (Pakistan which is developing its own nuclear research program for peaceful purposes, is reportedly particularly disturbed by the Israeli attack on Iraq and the subsequent statements by Prime Minister Menahem Begin and other Israeli leaders).

The OIC secretary general said that Muslims must, however, admit that, as a result of the division in their ranks and their preoccupation with secondary differences, the Zionist enemy had found an occasion to escalate the challenge, break all barriers and shamelessly trample on Muslim values, without facing any deterrent action or sustaining any harm.

"No matter how things are," Chatti said, "the problem is, first and foremost, our problem and the Islamic nation has proclaimed its determination to face the challenge by all means. The latest act committed by Israel only brought Muslims closer to each other, to take up that challenge which Israel launched on the whole Arab and Islamic world."

Chatti warned that, in Lebanon, the Zionist enemy is deliberately re-activating the crisis everytime there is the slightest hope in the horizon to see the end of the tunnel and to achieve national conciliation among the opposing factions. By so doing, the enemy aims at fragmenting the unity of that independent country and tearing apart both its independence and sovereignty, he said.

What makes things worse, he added, is the enemy's repeated threats to Syria after creating an artificial crisis (over the missile issue) with that valiant Arab country, in order to use it as a pretext and a justification for its continuous aggression against Lebanon.

Chatti also dealt with the treatment inflicted by Israeli occupation authorities on the Palestinian Arab population of the occupied territories, the alteration of the features of Jerusalem, the desecration of the holy shrines, the Iraqi-Iranian war and the situation in Afghanistan.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Azouidi
Al Medina

Although our national and judicial systems do not recognize insurance companies, we find many such companies functioning in the country on the basis of interest. Muslim jurists have declared insurance as a kind of interest, risk, fraud, gamble and bet. And, since it amounts to taking public funds through false means, our judiciary has been justified to refuse a review on the issue of insurance.

However, foreign insurance companies have exploited this matter to a great extent, and I don't think any alternative administrative solutions will be able to protect people from exploitation. In this connection, the International Union of Islamic Banks has explained the reasons why the activity of insurance companies is considered illegal. In case of life insurance, it says, the life-insured gets back his funds with an additional amount for nothing, which is considered an interest-payment.

The Union further says that insurance companies invest their capital in interest-involving activities and, if the insured defaults in the payment of installments, he is charged interest. Besides, insurance contracts are governed by an element of risk, which amounts to gambling.

The question whether insurance companies can be established on the basis of Islamic Sharia (law) finds an answer from the Union. It says that, if insurance contracts are purified from usurious transaction, which is contrary to divine law, we can easily set up an Islamic insurance system on mutual cooperation, known in other words as mutual insurance.

For several considerations, and especially because Saudi Arabia is the hub of Islam, it is urged to purge all such activities which are incompatible with the divine law. Not only this, it should provide a lead in the field of Islamic banking or Islam-oriented insurance companies.



GETTING READY: Preparations are underway for the forthcoming exhibition of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu to be held at the Nova Park hotel end of this month. The problem of erecting signs, flags and bunting was overcome by Kaseo Machinery Division of Jeddah which supplied a self-propelled manlift aerial platform. The photograph above shows the platform at work which, according to the company, will save days when compared to conventional scaffolding methods.

Fahd thanks Beirut Islamic Society

JEDDAH, June 17 (SPA) — The King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, Wednesday cabled his thanks to the Islamic Charitable Society of Beirut for the noble sentiments it expressed over the Kingdom's liberal donation for the society.

Earlier, the society had sent a cable of thanks to King Khaled and the crown prince, in which it said that the generous donation had created a spirit of great satisfaction

among the Muslims. It reaffirmed that the Kingdom's aid will boost the society's noble mission, adding that the aid will help raise the educational, cultural and social standard of the Muslim community.

The Kingdom's ambassador to Lebanon, Sheikh Ali Al-Shaar, had presented a check of LL 30 million (SR24 million) to former Lebanese Premier Saeb Salam May 29, as the Kingdom's contribution to the society.

Ahsa chamber to discuss industrial situation

AHSA, June 16 (SPA) — A meeting of the regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held in Hofuf Saturday, presided over by Sheikh Nasser Al-Zar'ah, chairman of chamber's board of directors.

The meeting will discuss the commercial and industrial situation in the region and explore possible ways of promoting cooperation, with a view to raising the level of trade and coordination of the businessmen of the region.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12.22	12.23	11.54	11.41	12.05	12.35
Asr (Evening)	3.42	3.43	3.15	3.06	3.31	4.06
Maghreb (Sunset)	7.06	7.13	6.45	6.35	7.00	7.34
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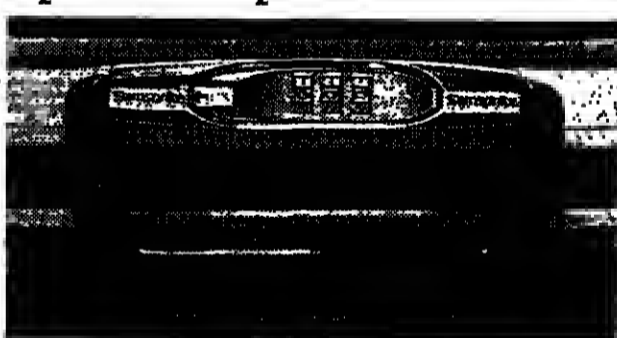


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OAU leaders urged to end divisions

NAIROBI, June 17 (AP) — Moroccan delegates and Algerian-backed Polisario observers traded punches in a running fight Wednesday outside the hall where foreign ministers of the 50-nation Organization of African Unity were discussing African liberation movements.

Club-wielding police broke up the fighting after several minutes and detained two Moroccan diplomats and one Polisario observer. The dispute between Morocco and the Polisario over the Western Sahara is one of the most difficult issues confronting OAU heads of state when they meet here next week.

Polisario fighters have waged a five-year-old struggle for control of the former Spanish

U.S. official has 'useful talks' with Hassan

RABAT, June 17 (APF) — U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci left Morocco Tuesday for Algeria after a two-day visit here during which he had "very useful" talks with King Hassan II and top officers of the Moroccan army.

Carlucci said his discussions with the king dealt with U.S. Moroccan military cooperation — Washington has agreed to sell Rabat warplanes and tanks — and with "a large number of international issues." The Pentagon aide said U.S.-Moroccan military programs were progressing satisfactorily, and he said King Hassan had shared important information with him on problems of the "Mediterranean basin and southwest Asia."

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Begin's 'fascist tactics'

Poll violence grips Israel

TEL AVIV, June 17 (R) — A senior police officer has said the violence sweeping Israel in the run-up to this month's general election was the worst in any campaign. Tel Aviv Police Commander Moshe Timkin said organized groups of thugs were to blame for some of the violence surrounding the June 30 election. He told army radio that more violent incidents had been reported than previously. In a number of instances, these violent incidents were organized in advance, rather than spontaneous. There have also been spontaneous outbursts and some times a combination of the two, he said. One of the worst incidents was Sunday night when supporters of Prime Minister Menahem Begin disrupted an election rally being addressed by Labor Party leader Shimon Peres. They threw tomatoes and eggs at him and prevented him from speaking. Police intervened and 26 persons were arrested. Later supporters of Begin

attacked the local Labor Party offices. The Violence has become a central issue in the election campaign.

Labor chiefs called a press conference Monday and denounced Begin for using "fascist tactics." "There is a real danger to the future of Israeli democracy... Begin wants to impose fear on the people," Peres said. Former police Minister Shlomo Hillel said a recent Begin speech "contained all the components that in other countries have led to fascism."

The campaign manager for Begin's Likud Party, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, rejected these charges Tuesday. He told reporters that if Likud members or sympathizers had been responsible for violent incidents, they had acted against the wishes of the party and of Begin. Police said that almost all the reported incidents had involved attacks on the Labor Party.

Sudan arrests rail strike leaders

KHARTOUM, June 17 (AP) — President Jaafar Numeiri has ordered the army to try to run the railway system after his security forces arrested leaders of striking workers whom he called "saboteurs," the Sudanese News Agency reported.

After the railway workers strike entered its 17th day, with no sign of an early return to work, Numeiri issued a republican decree bailing all mediation efforts aimed at finding a settlement of the dispute that also involves river transport, hotels and catering workers trade union, the agency said Tuesday.

It said Numeiri instructed his defense minister to establish a task force, prompting the radio to interrupt its regular program to broadcast a call for former railway workers and trained military personnel who resigned or retired to register for a return to work.

Numeiri earlier in the day ordered the railway network to be broken up into regional transit companies with local headquarters overseeing their activities. The plan was announced after attempts to end the strike that has slowed the national network since May 31 failed.

Numeiri ordered the arrest of strike leaders. The agency said the president had issued a decree ordering security authorities to arrest, interrogate and bring to trial "saboteurs and instigators" of the strike by rail, river transport and catering workers.

It said the decree banned all strikes and called for legal amendments "to prohibit strikes and stoppages for any reason and set the harshest and most deterrent penalties" for strikers.

Afghan fighters attack, damage Soviet air base

NEW DELHI, June 17 (Agencies) — Afghan rebels attacked the Soviet air base at Baghran, about 60 kms north of Kabul last week and destroyed a large quantity of ammunition and a petroleum store. Western diplomatic sources said here Wednesday. The attack, which was confirmed by several sources, was mounted June 9, the first anniversary of the execution of Afghan rebel leader Abdul Majid Kalakani.

The rebels put gasoline in drainage ditches leading into the airport and set it on fire. The explosions continued through June 10, the sources said. Soviet jets and helicopters at the base took off shortly after the first explosion.

Similar attacks on government installations were mounted on June 9 in the Parwan province where Kalakani was born 40 years ago. The rebel leader was captured almost by accident in Kabul Feb. 28 last year during a house-to-house search. He was executed June 9.

Rebels shelled the Parwan governor's house the same day and killed six party militiamen, the sources here said. The main highway from Kabul to the Soviet border was closed June 9, 10 and 14 due to rebel activities, the sources said.

The informants here reported the defection of at least 200 Afghan soldiers stationed at Jabul Saraj June 6. They all joined rebel forces fighting the Soviet and Afghan government troops.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Babrak Karmal has reiterated his willingness to negotiate with Pakistan and Iran for a peaceful settlement of all national differences. In an interview with the Kabul correspondent of the official Czechoslovak News Agency Ceteka, Karmal said: "It is our desire that the two countries involved take a realistic and responsible approach to our peace proposals to make an easing of tension in Southeast Asia possible."

On bribery charge

Ex-Turkish minister put on trial

ANKARA, June 17 (R) — A former Turkish cabinet minister accused of taking bribes and abuse of power went on trial Tuesday in the second case of high-level corruption to be brought before the courts since last September's military takeover.

The supreme court prosecutor demanded a minimum jail sentence of 36 years for Tuncay Mataraci, who was minister of customs and state monopolies in the Ecevit administration in 1979. The former minister of social security in the same government, Hilmi Isguzar, also faced the supreme court in March on charges of embezzlement, nepotism and favoritism.

The 21 defendants on trial with Mataraci include a third member of the Ecevit cabinet,

former Public Works Minister Serafettin Elci, who is accused of asking the former customs chief to make illegal assignment in his ministry. The indictment is based on a special investigative committee report, approved by the five-man ruling National Security Council.

It accused Mataraci of having received about \$1 million in bribes during his time in office. The indictment alleged Mataraci assigned selected key personnel to customs posts in line with the wishes of smuggling networks in return for bribes, apparently to facilitate their illegal operations.

Almost all the nearly 2,000 staff appointments Mataraci endorsed during his time in office were irregular, the indictment said.

To Pakistan

India concerned about U.S. arms

NEW DELHI, June 17 (AP) — The Indian government said Tuesday that a decision by the United States to extend a billion-dollar economic and military aid-credit to Pakistan would hurt efforts to normalize relations between the two countries.

"The decision of the United States could undermine the serious effort that is underway to strengthen the process of normalization between India and Pakistan, an important manifestation of which was the recently-concluded visit of the Indian foreign minister to Pakistan," the government said in a statement.

The United States and Pakistan announced Monday in Islamabad, agreement by the Reagan administration to sell F-16 fighter jets and military equipment to Pakistan. India viewed the accord "with concern," the statement added. India's Foreign Affairs

Minister P.V.N. Rao toured Pakistan June 7-12, and assured his hosts of India's peaceful intentions. The two countries have fought three wars since they gained independence from Britain in 1947.

The aid-credit package was announced after talks between U.S. Under Secretary of State, James L. Buckley, and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shabi, Buckley arrived in Islamabad a day after Rao returned to India.

The U.S.-Pakistan accord is spread over a six-year period. India acknowledged the right of every country to buy weapons for its defense needs, the statement said, but added that "the agreement announced Monday is, however, qualitatively and quantitatively different. It could introduce immediately a new level of weapons sophistication into the region which would affect the existing balance."

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Procedure laid down

Law voted to impeach Bani-Sadr

BEIRUT, June 17 (Agencies) — Iran's parliament laid the groundwork for impeaching President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Wednesday and adjourned debate on his competence in office until Saturday, reliable sources in Tehran reported by telephone.

The parliament approved a four-article law that outlined procedures for impeachment debates, the sources said. Iran's present laws contain no provision for removing a president from office. Reached by telephone in Tehran from the AP office in Beirut, the sources who declined to be named, said 143 parliament members out of 181 attending Wednesday's open session voted for the new bill. Thousands of demonstrators ringed parliament building demanding Bani-Sadr's ouster.

They said it was not clear whether the rest of the deputies voted against or abstained. Iran's parliament is made up of 217 members of which two vacated their seats to join the government.

Reporters attending the parliament session said none of Bani-Sadr's supporters were present at the debate, which could open the way for putting the president on trial. The debate was recessed for the noon prayers and was to resume early in the afternoon, they told the AP by telephone.

The debate on the 47-year-old president's competence in office was scheduled in response to a demand from the clergy-dominated Islamic Republican Party, which control parliament, or Majlis, and the government of Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai.

But it was not clear whether the first elected president in Iran's history would show up at the IRP-dominated Majlis. He has not been seen in public since he returned to Tehran from his former warfront headquarters near the Iraqi border Thursday, a day after Ayatollah Khomeini fired him as commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The switchboard operator at Bani-Sadr's

presidential offices in Tehran was not answering long-distance telephone calls Wednesday. In the last call to Bani-Sadr's offices from the AP Beirut office Tuesday night, the president was reported staying in the palace compound at Palestine Avenue, possibly under house arrest since Islamic Revolutionary guards moved in to surround the palace and replace the presidential guard loyal to Bani-Sadr.

There were unconfirmed reports that Bani-Sadr had slipped out of the compound to a secret hideout in the Iranian capital when demonstrators demanding his executive first took to the street Friday.

A bomb exploded Monday night at the courtyard of the presidential compound about 150 yards from Bani-Sadr's office. No one was hurt, an official at the president's office reported by telephone. A conspicuous absentee at Wednesday's parliament debate was Mehdi Bazargan, Iran's first post-revolution prime minister and a strong supporter of Bani-Sadr.

Nepal considers Sinai force

KATMANDU, June 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa said Wednesday that Nepal is "considering" a U.S. request to contribute a battalion of the Royal Nepal Army to the peacekeeping force in Sinai.

The U.S. proposed that Nepal send a battalion to the Sinai of about 600 men of the Nepalese Army. Nepal, which has diplomatic relations with Egypt and Israel recently dispatched a 430-member contingent to Lebanon to participate in UNIFIL, the United Nations peacekeeping force.

Thapa told a crowded press conference — his first since he was sworn in Tuesday as prime minister for a new five-year term — that Nepal will continue to pursue its policy of nonalignment.

"We will also strive toward regional cooperation," he said, "and we will try to maintain

the best of relations with our neighboring countries."

Asked whether the U.S. decision to supply arms to Pakistan and to lift the embargo on sale of arms to China might increase tension in the region, Thapa said only: "We don't want this region to have tension."

Replying to a question on the India-Bangladesh dispute on sharing the water of the Ganges which flows through Nepal, India and Bangladesh, Thapa described it as a "bilateral issue" between Bangladesh and India. "There has been a dialogue going on this issue between India and Bangladesh. And, unless these two countries jointly agree and approach us for our participation, the question of our joining the (Indo-Bangladesh) talks does not arise," Thapa said.

Grounded in Turkey

Bomb threat to Israel-bound plane

ANKARA, June 17 (AP) — A Romanian Tarom Airlines TU-154 jetliner remained grounded at a Turkish military airfield 262 kilometers south of here Wednesday, more than 20 hours after it made an emergency landing because of a bomb threat.

The state radio here said a five-man team of explosives experts from Ankara had only begun searching the plane for explosives at 10:15 a.m. local (0715 GMT) Wednesday morning.

There was no official explanation why the search was not begun for more than 14 hours after the plane landed at the Turkish airfield near Konya. The Soviet-made plane was on a regularly scheduled once-weekly flight to Tel Aviv from Bucharest and was carrying 140 passengers and a crew of 15.

The pilot of the jetliner said he was passing over Ankara when air traffic control radioed that the bomb threat had been telephoned to Bucharest airport and relayed to Ankara.

"The stewardess told us there was bad

weather and we would have to land. The pilot turned the plane back and dove. In three minutes we were on the ground," said Roman Grynberg, an Australian citizen who was on board the plane. He spoke to the AP from Konya.

"The stewardesses ran to the emergency exits and opened them and yelled 'everybody out.' Two persons broke their legs jumping out," Grynberg said. The state radio said four persons were injured jumping from emergency exits and were being treated at a Konya hospital. Their identities and conditions were not given.

Officials at the Konya air field told the semi-official Anadolu News Agency that a second TU-154 would fly to the base to carry the passengers to Tel Aviv.

There was no explanation of why the first plane was to remain grounded. Nor did the news agency say when the second jet would leave Konya for Tel Aviv.

U.S. plans to sell missiles to Kuwait

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) — The Pentagon notified Congress Tuesday it plans to sell Kuwait 60 improved Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and related equipment for about \$150 million.

In addition to the missiles, the deal would include spare parts, technical help and training for Kuwaitis in the use and maintenance of the air-defense weapons. The Pentagon

called the proposed sale "a continuation of support which has been provided to the government of Kuwait" since it bought an earlier generation of Hawks six years ago.

The letter to Congress said the new sale "will demonstrate the continuing willingness of the United States to support the Kuwaiti effort to improve the security of the country."

Habib arrives in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, June 17 (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib arrived here Wednesday from Damascus for a new round in his efforts to ward off a military confrontation between Israel and Syria over the Syrian missiles. He refused to talk to reporters and drove straight for consultations with U.S. Embassy officials before meeting Prime Minister Menahem Begin Thursday morning.

Meanwhile, in Sidon, Lebanese troops fought a 15 minute battle Wednesday with a combined rightist Lebanese militia and Israeli force which blew up a house in the south Lebanese village of Kantara, local residents reported. No one was injured in the dawn attack, they said.

Palme to visit Tehran, Baghdad

UNITED NATIONS, June 17 (R) — Special U.N. envoy Olof Palme will visit Tehran Friday and Baghdad next Monday for new talks aimed at ending the nine-month-old war between Iran and Iraq, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday.

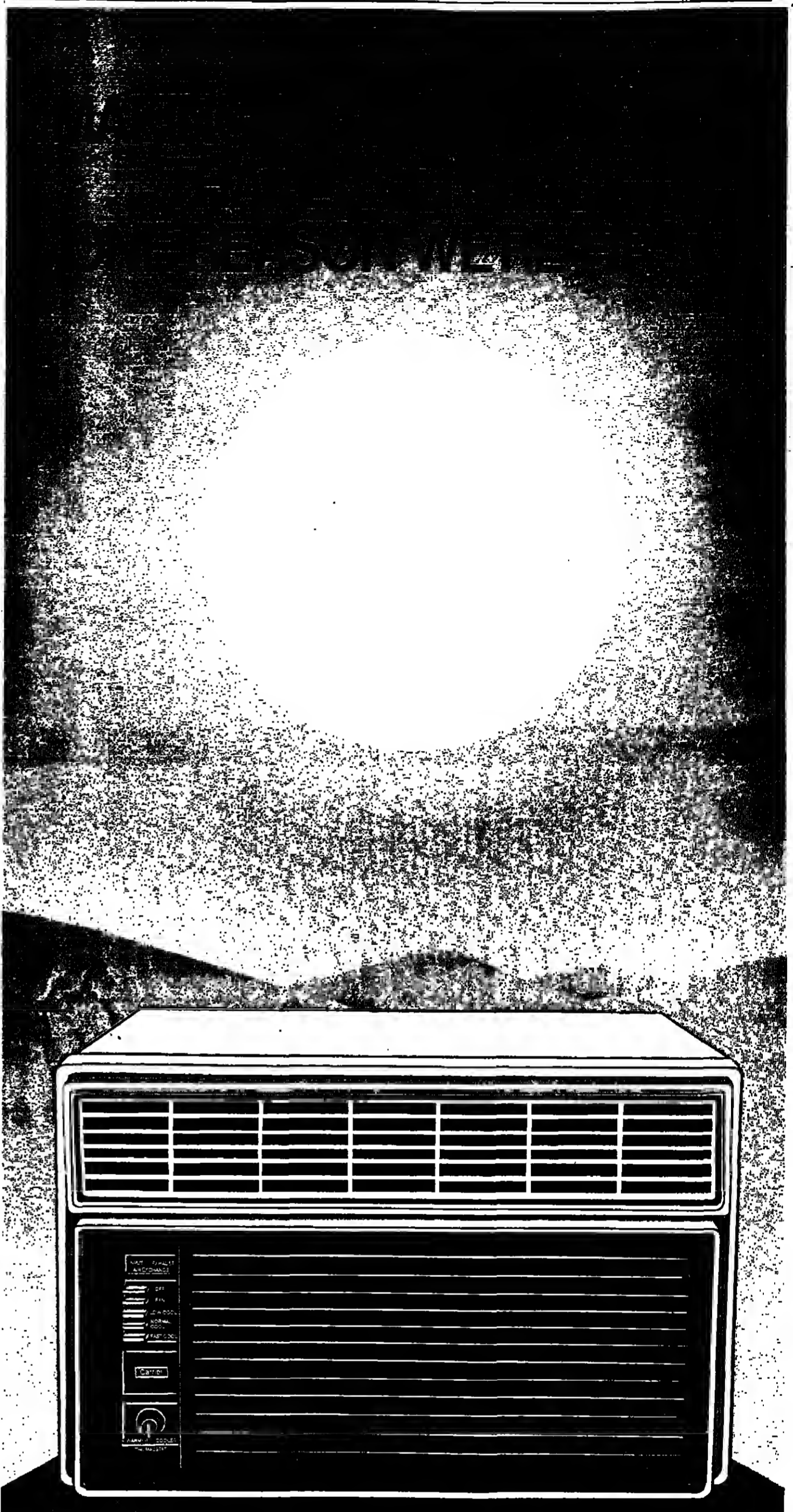
It will be the former Swedish prime minister's fourth trip to the area since being appointed as Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's special emissary last November.

The U.N. spokesman said he did not know whom Palme would meet in Iran. He said that on previous visits, the Swedish leader had conferred with Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai as well as with President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. The president's political competence is being questioned in the Iranian majlis.

Earthquake rocks Afghan province

MOSCOW, June 17 (AP) — An earthquake has struck Afghanistan's northern province of Jauzjan, causing "destruction" and casualties, Tass reported Tuesday from Kabul. The Soviet news agency said the earthquake measured 5.6 points on the open-ended Richter Scale. "Seven shocks followed one another" the report said, without specifying when the tremors occurred.

"There is destruction. One person died and two were injured," Tass said. The Afghan Red Crescent Society is providing aid to the victims, the report added.



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Heat wave hits Portugal, Spain

LISBON, June 17 (Agencies)—At least seven persons have died as a result of Portugal's worst heat wave for over a century, health authorities reported. With temperatures in Lisbon soaring to 43 degrees Celsius the highest recorded since 1856, hospitals reported being besieged by queues of people seeking sunburn treatment.

The heat wave, which began last Friday, has decimated poultry and rabbits on Portuguese farms. Poultry farmers estimate that up to 40 percent of the country's battery chickens have died due to the heat and a nationwide egg shortage is predicted. The heat wave followed the worst winter drought of the century in the Iberian peninsula.

In neighboring Spain the heat wave caused

widespread forest fires and threatens crops, meteorological officials said Tuesday. Temperatures up to 44 degrees Celsius in some areas sparked forest fires over more than 2,000 hectares around the country, according to the Spanish domestic news agency EFE.

The farmers' group, Jovenes Agricultores, said the sunflower crop in central Spain had suffered extensive damage and that a 60 percent reduction in the north's wheat yield could be expected. The agriculture ministry said it was too early to estimate damage caused by the heat wave.

In the northwest region of Galicia, 300 persons have been treated for severe sunburn and four are in intensive care, according to hospital officials. The regional Chicken

Breeders Association reported that 150,000 birds had died from the heat.

Reports from New Delhi said a blistering heat wave with temperatures soaring to 48 degrees Celsius continued, to scorch northern India Wednesday, and the death toll in the month-long spell rose to 38. The highest temperatures were reported from Dholpur, Rajasthan state, and Agra, city of the famed Taj Mahal, where weather bureaus recorded a maximum of 48 Celsius, the hottest this summer.

Twenty-nine persons died in heat-related deaths in the northeastern state of Bihar while another nine fatalities were reported from neighboring Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state.

As Soviet ship spies World's largest sub begins sea trials

GROTON, Connecticut, June 17 (AP)—The largest submarine ever built began sea trials Wednesday with a motley flotilla of private and official boats tagging along, anti-nuclear arms protesters jeering from shore and a Soviet spy ship waiting nearby.

The 170-meter-long Trident submarine *Ohio*, built at a cost of about \$1.2 billion and two years behind schedule, departed shortly before 5 a.m. (0900 GMT) for three days of tests.

More than 50 protesters, backed by the American Friends Service Committee,

stood on Eastern Point beach at the mouth of the Thames River, waving signs and jeering as the *Ohio* passed slowly by. The protesters were demonstrating against the submarine's potential to carry nuclear missiles.

The *Ohio* ambled toward the open sea with a police escort, three company ships and a flock of small private boats. Many boats and aircraft in the surrounding area were chartered for the occasion, and the Coast Guard monitored the situation from the three cutters stationed along the sub's

planned route.

The *Ohio* was heading for the Atlantic Ocean, where it will be under the watchful eyes of not only its navy sponsors but the Soviet spy ship *Ektor* as well. The *Ektor* has been stationed just outside U.S. waters for several days, where its sonar will reportedly listen to the Trident's sounds as it passes out of Long Island sound into the Atlantic Ocean.

The *Ohio* traveled about 9.6 kms down the Thames River before it reached the sound.

As parliamentarian

Indira's son to serve masses

NEW DELHI, June 17 (AP)—Brushing back the "heir apparent" tag that hangs around his neck like a milestone, Rajiv Gandhi insisted that his primary concern is helping the impoverished constituency that just elected him to parliament, and not prepping for the day he might succeed his mother as prime minister.

"My first priority is to get my base strong, and it is over strong until you get it working properly," Gandhi said in an interview. "If I do not get my base strong I will be in trouble four years from now." Gandhi spent a solid month criss-crossing the sprawling Amethi district, 500 kms southeast of here, an effort that crushed 13 opponents and earned him 84 percent of the ballots counted Monday.

"From the way I ran in the election and the response I got, he said Tuesday, "they (the voters) deserve a lot. They are very backward." That means roads, first of all, "and a very close second is water for irrigation," he said. And while Gandhi does not plan to move to the district, he promised "frequent trips."

Still, the 36-year-old soft-spoken Rajiv cannot forget that he is the only surviving son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, that the parliamentary seat he won became vacant when his brother Sanjay was killed last June in a plane crash, and that many people now consider him Mrs. Gandhi's confident and eventual successor.

Gandhi does not rule out the possibility he may someday become India's leader — or even go out of his way to discourage such talk—but he says it will not be soon, "certainly not" in five years' time. On the other hand, "who knows what will happen?" 30 years from now. In the meantime, he plans to continue to assist his mother as her aide and confidant, a role he inherited from Sanjay.

His election "certainly will facilitate helping my mother," Rajiv said, "but I have to



sort out how I do not want to get into modalities." Most important will be his "feedback role." "People have a feeling that if they tell me something it will get to the prime minister. Everyone has an angle, and they feel I don't" and thus will make an unbiased report.

Gandhi also wants to help "strengthen the party organization" by ironing out "some intraparty squabbling. There is some oil on the water." He does not plan to become allied with the party's youth wing, his brother's power base. "They do their own things," he said. "But if they need any help I will do so."

Despite the inevitable comparisons with Sanjay, Rajiv said he must go his own course. "Sanjay's role was very different," he said. "He was a very senior member of the party. He was the fighting force that brought the party through in the three years it was not in power." He (Sanjay) had a lot of control over people," Rajiv added. "I am just starting to see people and getting to know them, so I can't possibly function in that role yet."

Liberals, SDP evolve joint election strategy


LONDON, June 17 (R)—Britain's old-established Liberal Party and the new Social Democratic Party (SDP)—have announced agreement in principle for a joint strategy to fight the next general election. The parties, while retaining their separate identities, will work together whenever possible and will not put up rival candidates for parliamentary seats, according to a statement issued after a meeting between Liberal leader David Steel and SDP founder-member Shirley Williams, a former Labor Party minister.

The statement Tuesday outlined shared objectives which could be incorporated in a manifesto for the next general election, not due before 1984. These include continued membership of the European Common Market, multilateral disarmament, a more balanced economy between private and state sectors and the long-time Liberal Party aim of proportional voting in general elections instead of the present first-past-the-post system.

The SDP, which has recruited more than 52,000 members since it was launched last March, plans to fight its first by-election next month in Warrington, in northwest England. The local Liberals are backing its candidate, Roy Jenkins, former president of the European Common Market Commission.


Meanwhile, an incendiary bomb exploded on a window ledge of the national Labor Party headquarters in southeast London early Wednesday, but no one was hurt, Scotland Yard reported. The blast started a small fire, but passers-by put it out before police and firemen arrived, a Yard spokesman said.


He reported that damage to the building was limited to slight scorching. Officials of the Labor Party, Britain's main opposition party, declined all comment.



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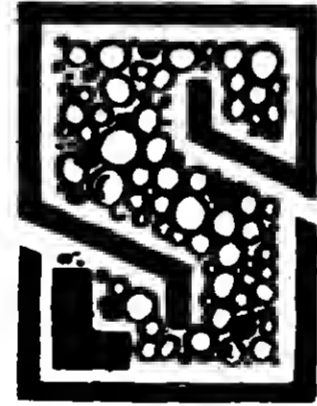


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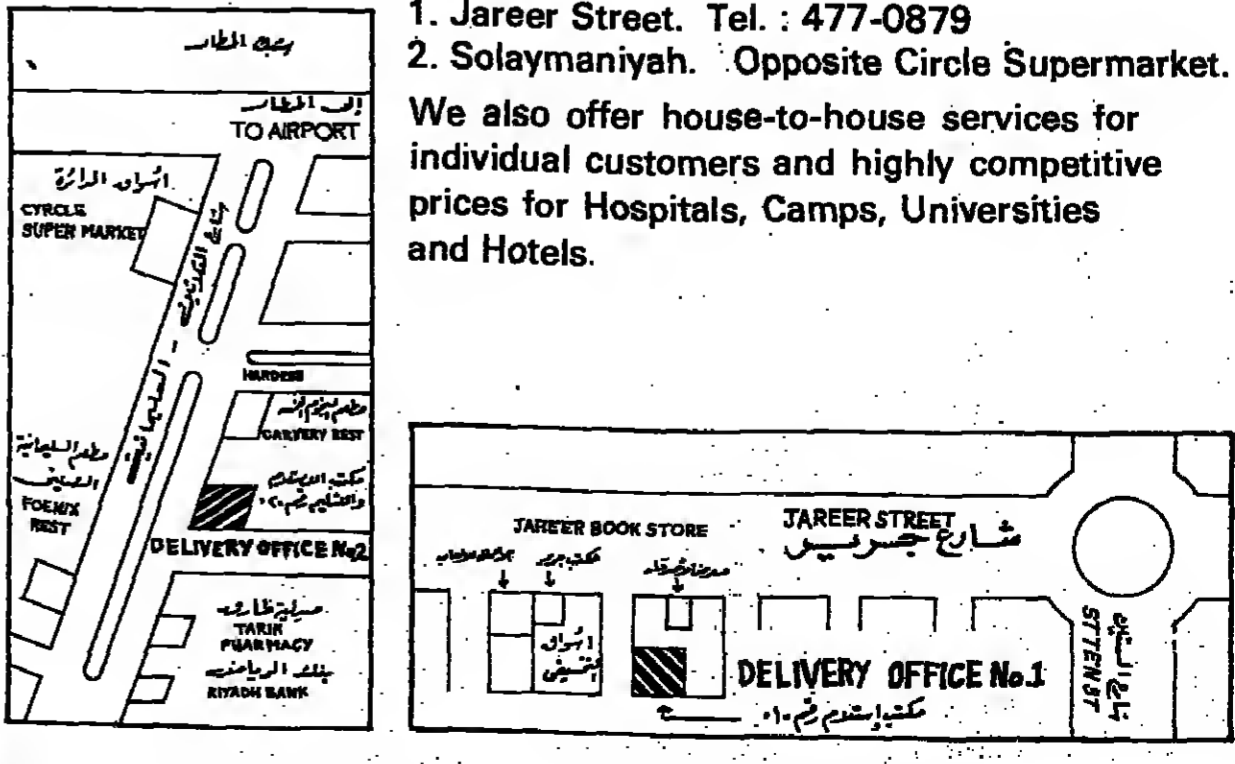
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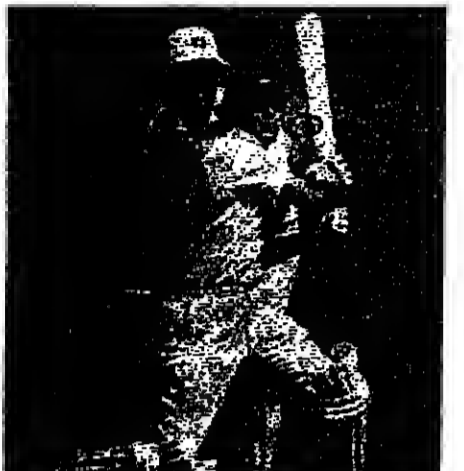
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Boycott to Yorkshire's rescue

Zaheer flogs Somerset attack

LONDON, June 17 (AP) — Zaheer Abbas, Pakistani cricket star, hit 150 not out for Gloucestershire against Somerset in the English County Cricket Championship at Bath Tuesday and brought his aggregate of runs for the match to an incredible 365 without being dismissed. He scored 215 not out in the first innings.



SAVIOR: Geoff Boycott who scored a sparkling 124 and saved Yorkshire from the threat of an innings defeat against Nottinghamshire in the English County Championships Tuesday.

match was Arthur Fagg of Kent, in 1938. Hampshire, who finished bottom of the Championship last season with only one victory, scored their second win in successive matches. Trevor Jesty took five wickets for 56 and led the way to victory over Worcestershire by an innings and 28 runs.

Geoff Boycott saved Yorkshire from defeat with the 122nd hundred of his career, but his defiant innings could not stop Nottinghamshire going top of the table.

Despite being held to a draw by Yorkshire after looking certain to win at the close Tuesday night, Nottinghamshire's eight bonus points put them into first place with a one-point lead over Sussex.

Yorkshire, resuming at 140 for three and still needing 104 to make Nottinghamshire hat again, were lifted out of trouble by a stand of 158 in 235 minutes between Boycott (124) and Jim Love (97). At the close Yorkshire were 355 for seven.

Sussex also moved ahead of last week's championship leaders Surrey, who were without a game, losing to Kent by 37 runs. Asked to make 220 to win, Sussex were all out for 182 when Derek Underwood bowled Chris Waller with the last ball.

Brief scores: At Worcester: Hampshire beat Worcestershire by an innings and 28 runs. Worcestershire 115 in 54.3 overs and 194 (P. Neale 43, T. Jesty five for 56, K. Stevenson four for 63). Hampshire 337 in 96.3 overs.

At Bradford: match drawn. Nottinghamshire 322 for eight in 94 overs. Yorkshire 78 in 59.1 overs and 355 for seven (G. Boycott 124, J. Love 97). Nottinghamshire eight points. Yorkshire three points.

At Leicester: match drawn. Leicestershire 251 for nine in 138.1 overs and 276 for five declared (B. Davidson 86, J. Steele 65). Glamorgan 309 in 123 over and 103 for four

(Javed Misood 42 out). Glamorgan five points. Leicestershire three points.

At Bath: match drawn. Gloucestershire 361 for four declared and 303 for four declared (Zaheer Abbas 150 not out, A. Hignell 40 out). Somerset 316 in 86 overs and 245 for nine (D. Rose 85 not out, D. Breakwell 53, P. Bainbridge five for 68). Gloucestershire eight points. Somerset five points.

At Derby: match drawn. Derbyshire 289 in 100 overs and 188 for one declared (P. Kirsten 90, J. Lever four for 36, R. East three for 18). Essex 156 in 54 overs and 250 for five (G. Gooch 78, S. Turner 58 not out, B. Hardie 55 out). Derbyshire seven points. Essex five points.

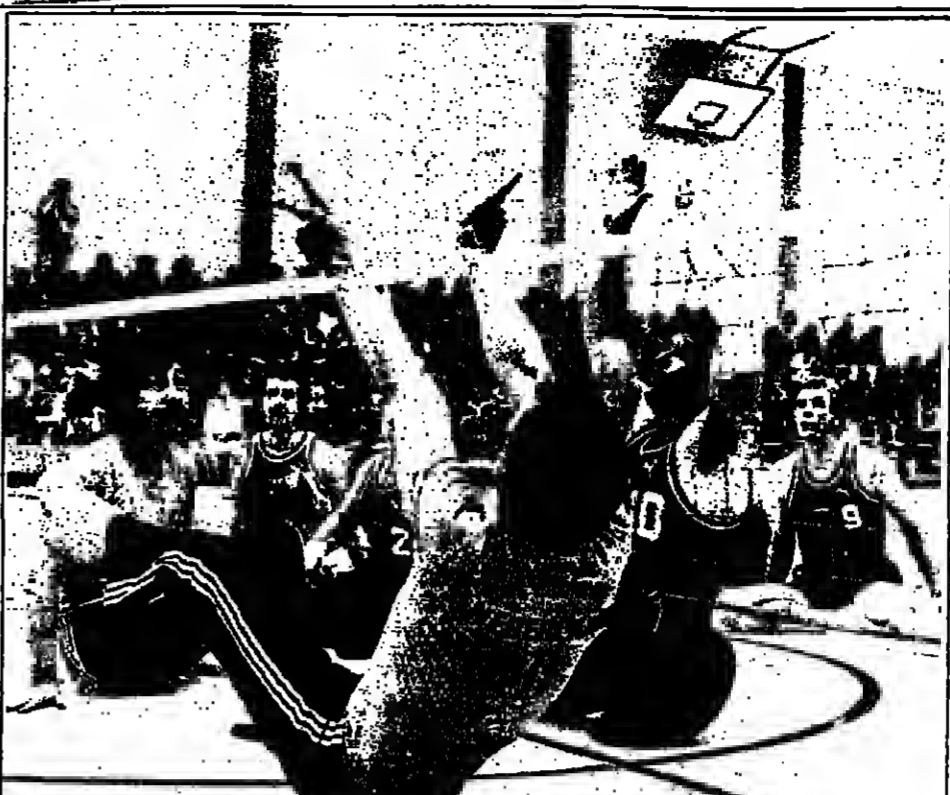
At Runbridge Wells: Kent beat Sussex by 37 runs. Kent 250 for eight declared in 100.2 overs and 270 for five declared (N. Taylor 99, C. Tavare 88). Sussex 301 for five declared in 97.5 overs and 182 all out (G. Mendis 80, K. Jarvis five for 82). Kent 20 points. Sussex seven points.

Blyth way ahead

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 17 (AP) — The British trimaran "Brittany Ferries GB" continued its record-breaking sprint across the Atlantic Tuesday, extending its lead in the first observer double-handed Transatlantic race.

Driven by gusts of more than 50 knots, the 65-foot trimaran, sailed by Chay Blyth and Rob James, was photographed by satellite about 809 miles from the finish line at Newport's Brenton Reef Light Tower early Tuesday.

Blyth and James are now expected to finish the Transatlantic race as early as Friday, ahead of the pre-race schedule and about four days faster than the previous record for a boat with a crew of two or fewer.



SEATED VOLLEYBALL: Action during the final of the seated volleyball European Championships between the Germans and the Netherlands in Bonn recently. The Championships opened to handicapped persons, saw ten teams qualify for the final round. The German team consisted mainly of athletes who had their legs amputated.

French rugby team fails to impress

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, June 17 (AFP) — The touring French Rugby Union team won its second successful match beating Queensland Country 33-3 here Wednesday.

The main problem for the French seemed to be keeping up their concentration and level of play against a side they clearly out-classed.

French coach Jacques Fouroux said after the match. "It was a winning score, that's what counts, but I would have liked to see us play a bit better."

Second rower Patrick Salas said: "We still kept up a good rhythm despite how easy it was, but you must admit that the heat slowed us too."

Whether it was the heat or the lack of competition the French team made many errors and the team was sloppy in the scrums. Scrum-half Jean Pierre Elissalde said: "We messed up, it's true, with poor team play. But our mistakes weren't serious."

The scoreboard looked good for France — five tries, by wing Michel Bruel (6th minute), Elissalde (40th), wing Michel Fahre (69th), wing Jean-Luc Aversoux (73rd), and center three-quarter Pierre Chadebech (83rd), as well as two conversions by fullback Serge Gabernet (73rd) and Sallerfranke and three penalties, one by Gabernet (72nd) and two by Sallerfranke (24th and 61st).

Queensland three points came on a penalty by Nixon in the 29th minute.

Meanwhile, African members of the Commonwealth called on New Zealand Tuesday to cancel next month's South African Springbok Rugby tour, and said failure to do so would "seriously jeopardize" the Commonwealth Games for next year.

Mustafa to defend title against Michael Spinks

NEW YORK, June 17 (AFP) — American Eddie Mustafa Muhammad will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight title against compatriot Michael Spinks in either Atlantic City, New Jersey, or Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 18.

Michael Spinks is the brother of former world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, who lost last Friday in a title bout with Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion.

It was also learned here that a New York promoter has offered WBC light-featherweight champion Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico a million dollars to fight Panama's Rozerto Duran, former WBC welterweight champion, for the light-featherweight title.

Duran, meanwhile, will be fighting someone soon as he attempts to comeback since quitting last November against oow-WBC welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard of the United States.

Teru to fight Pintor

Japanese bantamweight champion Hurricane Teru will challenge World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor of Mexico in a title fight at Nagoya, central Japan, Aug. 25, promoters announced in Tokyo Thursday.

It will be Pintor's sixth defense of the title he won from his countryman Carlos Zarate by a split-decision in Las Vegas on June, 1979.

Jim Watt honored


Meanwhile, World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight champion Jim Watt interrupted training Tuesday to be officially recognized as Glasgow's Pride.

Michael Kelly flew to London, where Watt, 32, is training for his title defense against Alex Arguello at Wembley on Saturday.

In a ceremony at the Guildhall, in the city of London, Kelly said: "In a dangerous sport, Jim Watt has proved to be an outstanding ambassador for Glasgow. He is quiet, modest, unassuming and polite. He has brought nothing but honor to his native city and to his native country."

Boxer dead

In Colombo, Sri Lanka, an eighteen-year-old schoolboy died here following a brain injury suffered in a boxing match the previous day.



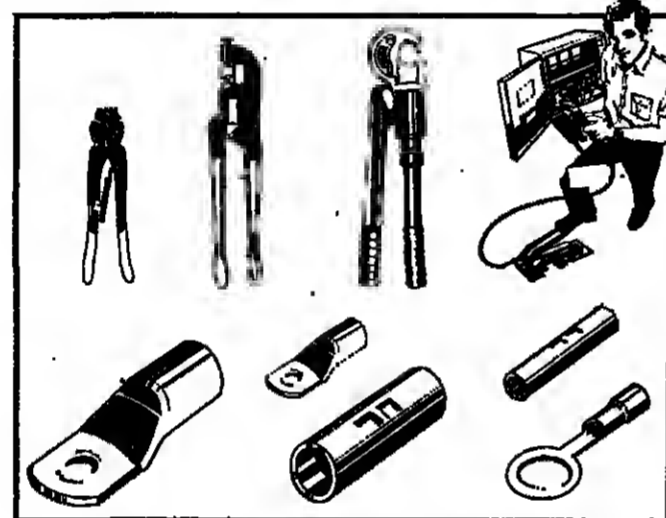
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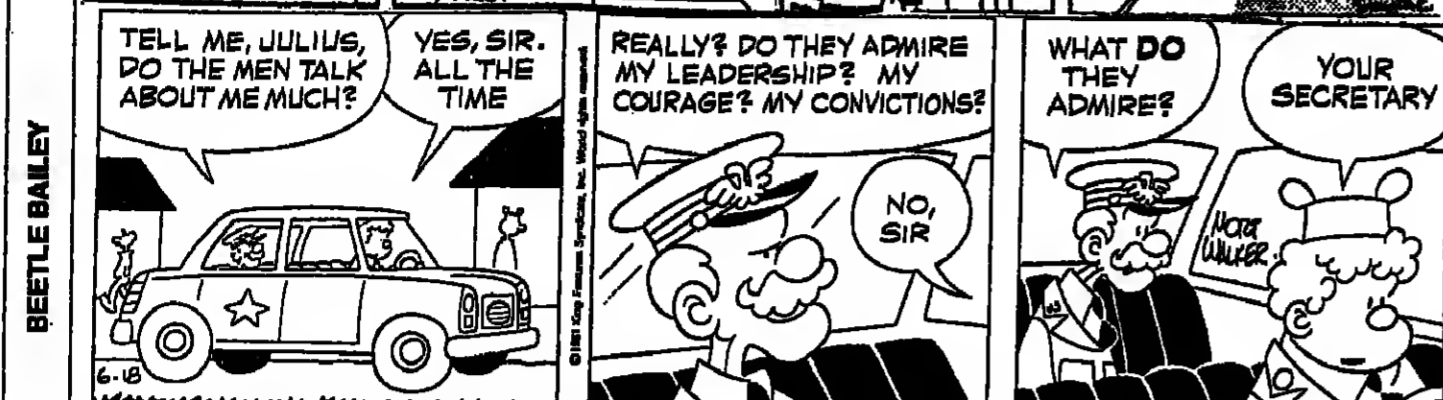
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The Art of Defensive Play

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH ♠ 6 5 4 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ K J 7 ♣ K Q 8 3

WEST ♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ A K 5 4 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ 7 2

EAST ♠ 2 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ Q 10 8 5 2 ♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH ♠ K Q J 7 3 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ A J 10 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1NT Pass
2♣ Pass 3♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

To defend well, one must be able to visualize the makeup of the two unseen hands. This is not nearly as difficult as it sounds, provided you make use of the available clues.

Consider this deal, which illustrates the rationale of good defense. Assume you're West, defending against three clubs, and you lead the king of hearts. Partner plays the encouraging eight, in effect asking you to continue the suit.

If it's your nature to play quickly, you continue with the ace and another heart, which declarer ruffs. South now draws three rounds of trumps and makes either three or four clubs, depending on how the subsequent play develops.

But if it's your nature to defend more carefully, you defeat the contract. You don't play the ace of hearts at trick two, but instead play the ace and another spade! East ruffs, returns a heart to your ace, and you lead another spade to put declarer down one.

You may think this sequence of plays is much easier to find on paper than at the bridge table, but actually it's not hard to figure out even though you don't see your partner's hand. You're expected to realize when dummy appears that your partner has a singleton spade, and once that thought crosses your mind it's not difficult to find the proper defense.

The declarer cue comes from the bidding. It is surely reasonable to assume that if South had four spades and four clubs he would have followed the standard practice of opening with one club, not one spade.

The fact that he opened with one spade strongly suggests that he has five spades, which in turn marks East with a singleton. A shift to the ace of spades at trick two is therefore not as difficult as it may seem.

Your Individual Horoscope

FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) The unexpected interferes with financial plans. Avoid friction with higher-ups. Suppress impulsive moves. Care is needed in communications.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Advice may be faulty now. You're caught off guard by a competitor's surprise move. Be flexible, but don't take financial risks.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Nervousness affects work efficiency. Concentrate on the here and now and put aside far-off ideas. Travel is not recommended.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Children could get on your nerves. Guard against emotional outbursts. Close ties are not in the mood for any deviation from the status quo.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) In your eagerness to meet with friends, don't neglect work assignments. A friend behaves erratically. Curb restlessness and impatience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) The tardiness of others may upset you. It will be difficult to stick to a schedule now. Be adaptable in the face of changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Unexpected expenses could change plans. Expect some agitation regarding a distant matter. Do some comparison shopping about prices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It will be difficult to finalize agreements. Signs may appear at the last moment. Allow yourself sufficient time to keep appointments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Check hidden costs regarding credit. An unexpected disclosure about a financial matter could cause a change in your thinking.

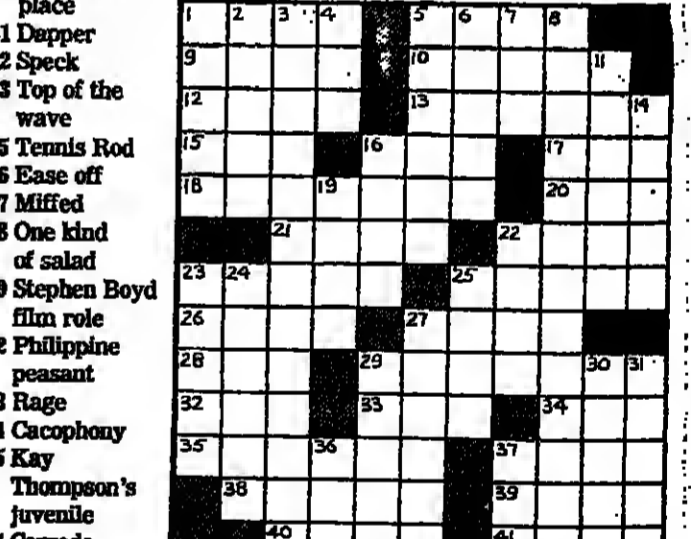
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Friends may intrude on your working time. An appointment may be canceled at the last minute. Downplay ego to avert differences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't mix business and pleasure. Undercurrents affect relations with close ties. Interruptions leave you with little time for privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) News from a distance causes a change in plans. Don't take out frustrations on your friends. Others are quick to change their minds.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Curtain material
 - 5 Russian lake
 - 9 Cupid
 - 19 Part of Polynesia
 - 12 Androcles' friend
 - 13 Do little business (sl.)
 - 4 Sea bird
 - 15 Seek an answer
 - 16 Jell
 - 17 Shadowy
 - 18 Weather descriptive
 - 20 Chemist's plant
 - 21 Dapper
 - 22 Spock
 - 23 Top of the wave
 - 25 Tennis Rod
 - 26 Ease off
 - 27 Miffed
 - 28 One kind of salad
 - 29 Stephen Boyd film role
 - 32 Philippine peasant
 - 33 Rage
 - 34 Cacophony
 - 35 Kay
 - Thompson's juvenile
 - 37 Corrode
- DOWN
- 38 German city
 - 39 Ironwood
 - 40 Raison d'—
 - 41 — out (just got by)
 - 1 Song refrains
 - 2 Penn. sect
 - 3 Ruin (sl.)
 - 5 Maintain
 - 6 Shabby
 - 7 "I — Camera"
 - 8 Cockney's exclamation
 - 11 Fly
 - 12 Live coal
 - 16 Install
 - 19 Nathanael or Rebecca
 - 22 Defaces.
 - 23 Greek island
 - 24 Treat royalty
 - 25 Misplice
 - 27 Unruffled
 - 29 Niggard (1979 film)



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THURSDAY 3:00 Children's Show 3:28 Mafraq 4:54 Go Show 5:17 Black Beauty 5:41 Documentary 6:31 Children of Hazard 7:28 The Jeffersons 7:53 The Virginian 9:07 Baby Faces 9:55 Famous Film Theater	THURSDAY 9:00 Quran, Program Review: Questions and Answers, Song, Children's Program, Series, 12:30 Dear Prayer' Call; 1:45 Scientific Program, Yehya Program, Drama; Children's Program; 7:00 Religious Talk; 7:45 News in English; 8:00 Local Program during which the Isha Prayer's Call will occur; 9:30 News in Arabic; 10:10 Daily Series; 11:00 Arabic Series; 12:00 Film; 1:00 Closesdown.	THURSDAY, 4:00 Quran; 4:30 English League Soccer; 6:00 Education Program; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:30 English in English; 9:30 English News; 9:50 Local Grant; 10:40 Arabic Film; 12:30 News.	THURSDAY, 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Magic Flower; 6:30 TV Magazine; 7:30 Documentary; 8:00 Local News; 9:10 Starkey and Hindi; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 World News At Ten; 10:35 Selected Songs/Tomorrow's Program; 10:30 Arabic Theater.	THURSDAY, 3:00 Quran; 3:15 Religious Program; 3:30 Children's Daily Series; 4:00 School Plays; 5:15 Daily Arabic Series; 6:00 Arabic News; 6:15 Daily Comedy Series; 6:45 Arab News; 7:30 Film Series; 8:30 Folk Song; 8:10 Arabic News; 9:00 Quiz Program; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Songs; 10:30 Week End Entertainment; 12:10 News in Brief; 12:30 Quran.

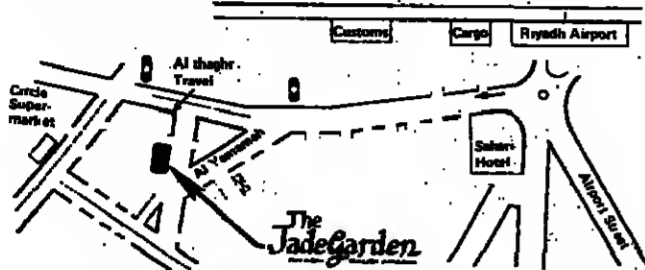
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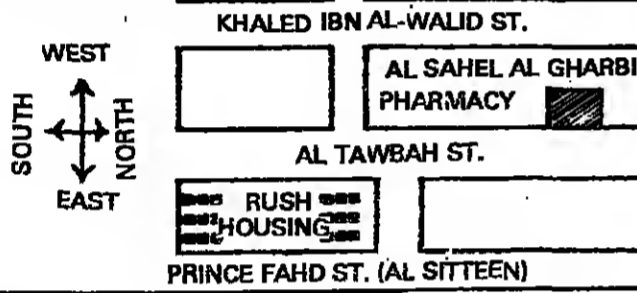


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